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## RIDLEY-THOMAS SALUTES FIVE-TIME STATE DIVISION 1 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS WESTCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas hosted the Westchester High School Comets' basketball team, winners of a fifth State Division I championship.

The Comets recently won their 5<sup>th</sup> State Division I basketball championship easily defeating McClymonds 49-31 in the title game in Sacramento. It was the school's first state title since 2005.

Not many considered Westchester as one of the front-runners for the State Division I boys' basketball title, although the Comets are the winners of 10 Los Angeles City Section championships that date back to 1990.

Now with five state titles under his belt, head coach Ed Azzam is closing in on eight state championships won by the legendary Willie West, the now retired former coach of Crenshaw High School.

The Westchester basketball program currently has host a number of former players currently on NBA and college basketball rosters, and ranks high in preparing its student athletes to perform at a higher level. One of its household names, Trevor Ariza, is currently on the Los Angeles Lakers roster.

The Supervisor also recognized Westchester assistant coaches and the school's principal, Dr. Bruce Mims, for their work in producing some of the top student athletes in the nation.

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